(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार ने उक्त भूमि और मकानों को खाली कराने के लिए पिछले 13 वर्षों में कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है; और

(घ) सरकार जी प्वाईंट, गोल डाकखाना, नई दिल्ली के मकानों और जमीन को कब तक अपने कब्जे में लेगी?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री (श्री राम जेठमलानी): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (घ) जी, नहीं। मामला तीस हजारी कोर्ट नई दिल्ली के समक्ष विचाराधीन है।

Cancellation of institutional land plots

144. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DDA has recently cancelled lease deeds of institutional land plots on the ground of misuse for commercial purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a larger number of residential plots/flats allotted by DDA are being used for commercial purposes in the capital; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) the DDA has reported that the lease deeds of following institutional land plots have been cancelled on the ground of misuse for commercial purpose during the year 1998:—

(i) Hari Chand Prakash Wanti Charitable Trust

(ii) Bharonji Mandir Samiti at East Patel Nagar

(iii) Guru Nanak Foundation

(iv) Vaitalik Society.

(c) and (d) As and when the misuse is detected/reported to DDA a show cause notice to the misuse is issued under the provision of DDA Act 1957 and if no satisfactory reply is received and the allottee fails to stop the misuse prosecution proceedings are initiated.

Polluted Drinking Water in Delhi

145. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the residents in Delhi are getting highly polluted drinking water which is causing alarming diseases;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take up the issue with the Delhi Jal Board and NDMC to provide safe drinking water to the residents; and

(c) if so, the other steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Delhi Jal Board has reported that drinking water being supplied by them is potable wholesome and conforms to the laid down norms. Quality control measures are taken right from the raw water stage upto the consumer's end for which six zonal laboratories have been set up at Wazirabad, Bhagirathi, Okhla, Haiderpur, Okhla SDW and Najafgarh. These laboratories are collecting about 250-300 water samples every day from their respective zonal areas including Rural areas to check the water quality for its potability and to ensure that no contamination takes place during transmission of water through Municipal mains. A mobile laboratory is also deployed to check the water quality in rural areas.

As a precautionary measure, service reservoirs are cleaned periodically to maintain potability of water. Complaints from public are attended to promptly. Water quality from tubewells, deep-bore hand pumps & Ranney wells is also tested on regular basis. People are advised not to use "Shallow Hand Pumps" water for drinking purposes. All shallow hand pumps in resettlement colonies have been painted in red colour with indication 'Water not fit for drinking'. As soon as a complaint of contamination is received, water samples are immediately checked and in case of any abnormality water supply to the area is disconnected and alternate supply is made through water tankers. The cause of contamination is investigated and rectified. Thereafter, supply is restored after flushing the water lines thoroughly.

Variation in Stamp and Registration Duty

146. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the

Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a large inter-State variation in stamp and registration duty on purchase of housing plots, flats and buildings having a negative effect on construction activities;

(b) if so, the details of actual prevailing rates of stamp and registration duty State-wise and annual revenue collected by the States therefrom during the last three years;

(c) whether Government are considering fresh initiatives for reduction and rationalisation of stamp/registration duty to promote housing construction; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposal under consideration and directions and compliance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) The data regarding stamp duty levied by various State Governments and revenue collected therefrom during the last three years, State-wise is not readily available. The information will be collected from Ministry of Finance and the States and laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The Stamp duty/Registration charges fall within the jurisdiction of State Govts. Hence a decision will have to be taken by the State Govts. in this regard. However, this Ministry and the Ministry of Finance are pursuing the matter with the State Govts. for reduction of Stamp duty. This Ministry support reduction of stamp duty because this will further encourage housing activity.

(d) Does not arise.

Approval of Housing Projects

147. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the housing projects received from the various States and approved by Government and Housing Urban Development Corporation during each of the last three years and till date, State-wise; and

(b) the amount sanctioned for these projects, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) Central Government does not provide any financial assistance to States for social housing schemes. However, the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has sanctioned a number of housing projects in various States. The number of such projects sanctioned during 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 (as on 31.10.98), Statewise is indicated in the Statement-I. (*See* below) The amount of loan sanctioned, Statewise, during these years is given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Housing Projects Sanctioned during the Last Four Years

States	No. of Schemes			
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1988-99 (As on 31.10.98)
Andhra Pradesh	49	120	76	34
Assam	11	8	5	2
Bihar	19	37	4	5
Goa	1	1	5	0
Gujarat	53	41	23	24
Himachal Pradesh	9	8	23	7
Haryana	26	11	8	12
Jammu & Kashmir	14	2	5	2
Kerala	45	49	80	35
Karnataka	54	68	52	54
Meghalaya	3	3	0	1
Maharashtra	13	17	12	8
Manipur	3	2	5	1
Madhya Pradesh	90	65	42	32
Mizoram	3	2	2	0
Nagaland	0	2	2	0
Orissa	14	19	12	16
Punjab	16	23	5	6
Rajasthan	84	104	52	20
Sikkim	3	2	1	0
Tamil Nadu	133	120	104	68
Tripura	1	1	2	0
Uttar Pradesh	32	51	37	4
West Bengal	22	33	19	7
A & N Islands	2	0	2	1
Delhi	0	1	0	1
Chandigarh	0	0	0	0
Pondicherry	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	700	790	579	340